

# The Pennsylvanian Susquehannocks

*Fact, Or Fiction?*

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# Discovery and History of The Susquehannocks

- Also known as the CONESTOGA, were mainly Iroquoian speaking tribes that settled along the Susquehanna from New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.





# Discovery and History cont.

- *First discovered and recorded by Capt. **John Smith** in the Chesapeake Bay Area in 1608*
- *Capt. John Smith first made contact with what he called the "Susquehannocks" near Port Deposit md., where he followed them up river to their village*



# Myth of The Susquehannocks Size

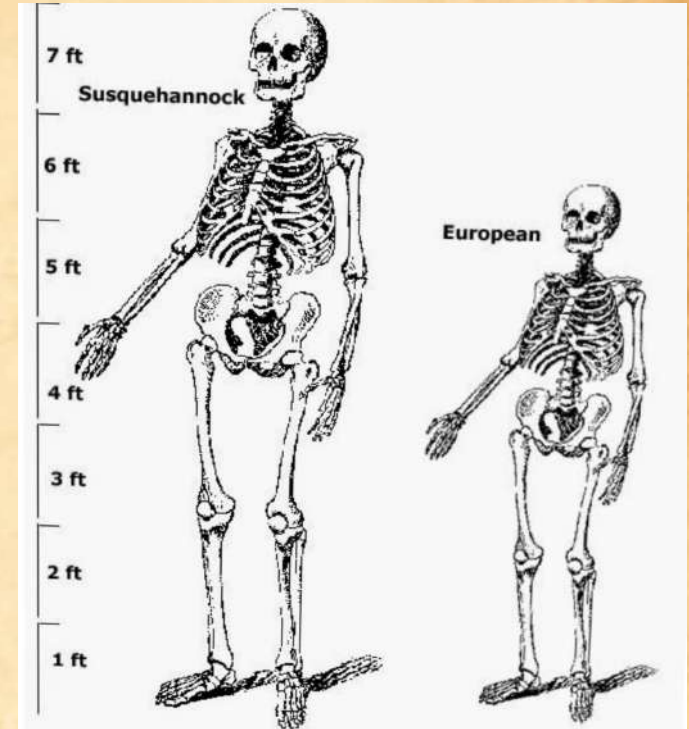
- *From the Journal of Capt. John Smith, the Susquehannock tribes-people were reported to clock in at over **7 feet tall***
- *Under an illustration of a Susquehannock on John Smith's map, "The Susquehannocks are a Giant-like People and thus attired"*





# Fact of Size

- However, due to bone analysis and skeletal observation, we can confirm that male susquehannocks were at most over 4 inches taller than the **Average Height of A Male European** (Avg. of "5'3")
- Their calves were said to have a circumference of 27 inches, and while that may be true, due to this information they were most likely thinner than recorded.



# So What Happened To the Susquehannocks?

- *In 1600, the population of the tribe was recorded around 5,000, to 7,000*
- *As time went on however, with their dangerous rivalry against the Iroquois Confederation, they slowly died off due to numerous wars and battles*





# What Happened Cont.



- *In 1697, what few hundred tribes-people still existed settled in Conestoga village, where they died off due to history and hate towards the tribe by English settlers*
- *In PA today, roughly 200 to 300 people can take a DNA test, and have roots traced back to the Susquehannock tribes*

# Additional Info.

One key point to keep in your mind on this presentation, is that the Susquehannocks were a largely independent people. Their name wasn't even theirs, it was given to them by the Iroquois Confederation. They kept to themselves, hunted on their own grounds, and when a battle broke out and they won, most rather than not, they would leave behind no enemies.





# Questions?

Fun Fact!!!

There is a school in Glen Rock  
named Susquehannock High

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